GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTIVATION OF FOODGRAINS AND CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cultivations of foodgrains crops, in acreage has been declining in comparison to the cultivations of cash crops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir. Table below gives the area coverage under foodgrains crops and cash crops (oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton, jute and mesta taken together) in the country during the last three (2004-05 to 2006-07) and the current year (2007-08):

Year	Area Coverage (Million hectare)	
	Foodgrains	Cash Crops
2004-05	120.08	40.89
2005-06	121.60	41.64
2006-07	123.71	41.74
2007-08	124.26	41.79

Advance Estimates

Area coverage under foodgrains and cash crops has increased during 2004-05 to 2007-08.

(b): Does not arise.